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**26 JUN 1962**

**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, National Reconnaissance Office**  
**SUBJECT: CIA Policy on Processing of Photography**

**NRO,USAF DECLASSIFICATION/RELEASE INSTRUCTIONS ON**

1. As a means of clarifying responsibilities and procedures incident to the establishment of the National Reconnaissance Office there is submitted for your concurrence a summary statement on the policies which have long been followed in connection with the U-2 and the CORONA and ARGON programs, with some amendments which are in order to improve our operations.
2. It is the responsibility of CIA to arrange for the processing of photography collected by Operations which the D/NRO has assigned to CIA. Because of the importance of the information which such operations are designed to collect, highest quality processing is the objective.
3. In carrying out its responsibility CIA looks to the Eastman Kodak Company to process the original negative and produce duplicate film resulting from satellite reconnaissance and advanced manned aircraft as rapidly as feasible consistent with the attainment of highest quality. In this connection there is separately submitted a proposal on the upgrading of the Eastman Kodak facility on which the comments of NRO are requested (see "Quality Processing and Reproduction of the Products of Exotic Photographic Reconnaissance," TCS-12619-62).
4. To meet tactical or emergency situations, Community agreements have been established for the use of military processing centers overseas. A copy of the agreement is attached. Theater facilities [REDACTED] are currently established processing centers under the agreement. Standby facilities have until

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recently existed at [REDACTED]

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There is also a capability at del Rio which has been recently activated for a brief period of time. It may be necessary from time to time for NRO to designate additional centers. In current and future cases, it is necessary that these centers be so staffed and equipped that they will be able to meet the minimum standards required by the Community for speed, quality, and security. CIA would normally look to the United States Intelligence Board (Committee on Overhead Reconnaissance) for the definition of these needs. Insofar as the needs cannot be adequately met, CIA will request NRO to initiate action with the military services responsible. In this connection, should NRO or the military services desire, CIA will arrange with Eastman Kodak as has been done in the past for that company to provide advice, to assist in training personnel, and to facilitate the procurement of additional materials or equipments.

5. CIA looks to the USIB (COMOR) for:

a. The determination of the number of duplicates required to meet U.S. intelligence needs and to determine the priority scheduling for programming the duplicate reproduction.

b. The recommendation of what photography collected should be processed with greatest urgency to meet tactical or emergency needs in order that CIA may make adequate arrangements including, if appropriate, the assignment of processing to designated U.S. military processing centers.

c. The mechanism whereby the CIA may systematically consult the exploiters of the photography to insure that the processing is accomplished for the maximum benefit of the consumer.

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6. It is understood that NRO will advise the consumer of upcoming programs in order that they may in good time develop and acquire the exploitation equipment necessary to exploit the products of the new programs and to prepare requirements for the guidance of Operations when new programs become operational. In the latter case, the COMOR is the appropriate body for the preparation of requirements on behalf of the United States Intelligence Board.

Signed Herbert Scoville, Jr.

HERBERT SCOVILLE, JR.  
Deputy Director  
(Research)

CONCUR:

Date \_\_\_\_\_

JOSEPH V. CHARYK  
Under Secretary of the Air Force

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